## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 229

## By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amelia Higgins, 2013 Valedictorian of Cannon County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Higgins is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class at Cannon County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Higgins has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Amelia Higgins has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active participant in her school's clubs and extracurricular activities including Future Farmers of America, HOSA, and 4-H; and

WHEREAS, she also enjoys working in the community and has volunteered with special needs children, We Care Cannon, the Angel Tree Project, and Vanderbilt Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Amelia loves her family and considers her sister to be the most influential person in her life; and

WHEREAS, throughout her high school career, Ms. Higgins has evolved as an individual and has learned numerous life lessons, such as the necessity to learn from past experiences and be able to focus on the future rather than dwelling on the past; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Higgins's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Amelia's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, John and Marna Higgins, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amelia Higgins's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 Cannon County High School Valedictorian, Amelia Higgins, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.